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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5596-020]

Town of Bedford, Virginia; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing
and Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: New Major License
- b. Project No.: 5596-020
- c. Date filed: April 30, 2021
- d. Applicant: Town of Bedford, Virginia
- e. Name of Project: Bedford Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On the James River in the town of Bedford in Bedford and Amherst counties, Virginia. The project does not affect federal land.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) - 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: M. Scott Salmon, Electric Systems Engineer, Town of Bedford Electric Department, 877 Monroe Street, Bedford, Virginia 24523; (540) 587-6079 or msalmon@bedfordva.gov
- i. FERC Contact: Andy Bernick at (202) 502-8660, or andrew.bernick@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: **Bedford Hydroelectric Project (P-5596-020)**.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted but is not ready for environmental analysis.

l. The current license for the Bedford Hydroelectric Project (Bedford Project) authorizes the following project facilities: (1) a 9- to 17-foot-high concrete gravity dam with a 1,680-foot-long concrete spillway; (2) a 57-acre impoundment with a storage capacity of 350 acre-feet at the normal maximum water surface elevation of 628.0 feet above mean sea level; (3) a 1,200-foot-long, 180-foot-wide, 16-foot-deep power canal; (4) a power canal headgate composed of three 21.6-foot-wide, 15.9-foot-high steel gates; (5) a 49.1-foot-wide, 29.02-foot-high steel trashrack with a clear bar spacing of 3.5-inches; (6) a 55-foot-long, 80-foot-wide powerhouse; (7) a 65-foot-long, 120-foot-wide tailrace; (8) two 2.5-megawatt (MW) turbine-generator units with a total capacity of 5.0 MW; (9) a 110-foot-long, 2.4-kilovolt (kV) generator lead, and a 180-foot-long, 4.16-kV generator lead; (10) two 2.4/22.9-kV, 0.600-megavolt-ampere (MVA) three-phase step-up transformers, and two 4.16/22.9-kV, 3.75 MVA three-phase step-up transformers; (11) a 2,800-foot-long, 33.9-kilovolt primary transmission line; and (12) appurtenant facilities.

The Town of Bedford's proposed project facilities would revise the project's electrical infrastructure to include a 4.0-kilovolt, 120-foot-long underground transmission line from the powerhouse to the project substation; and two 3.75-megavolt-ampere step-up transformers. In addition, the Town of Bedford proposes to remove the 2,800-foot-long transmission line as it is no longer the project's primary transmission line.

The Bedford Project is operated in run-of-river mode. The average annual generation is estimated to be 1,114.75 megawatt-hours.

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o. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments	January 2022
Request Additional Information (if necessary)	February 2022
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)	March 2022
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	October 2022

Dated: September 9, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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